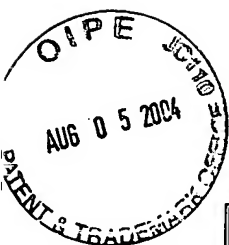


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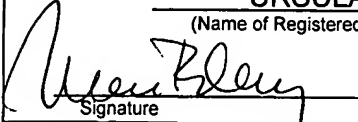
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This communication is in response to the Office Action, March 1, 2004, having a shortened period for response terminating June 1, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by TWO month until August 1, 2004. Since

August 1, 2004 fell on a Sunday, this response is being filed on the first business day thereafter.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

☐ Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: